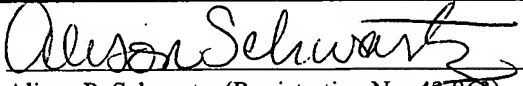


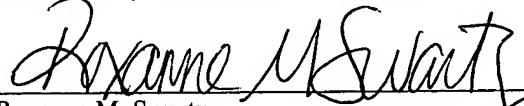


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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2005.. Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the patent application, which Applicant believes is now in condition for allowance.

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